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3. Approaches and Pilot Data Vessel's approaches to subject port were in accordance with the instructions set forth in "Guide to Foreign Vessels Calling at Shanghai" and "China Coasting Trips". The anchorages afford good holding ground and the channel is well marked. The water near buoy #57 in the Yangtze River channel is very shallow and is the most "dangerous" point transited.

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Pilotage in subject port is compulsory. An "olive and white" colored pilot boat cruises the anchorage and brings the pilot and a "harbor officer" aboard. all of the pilots used by his vessel were "good pilots"

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4. Chinese ports" the controls in subject port are "the same as all

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booms. [] the coal was usually discharged into a hopper and through a series of portable conveyor belts was fed into waiting trucks, but occasionally was discharged into junks of 10-15 ton capacity, which would berth alongside vessel. Cargo operations were continued 24 hours a day, requiring a period of about three days for cargo operations. Alongside depths [] are 30'. Stevedores worked in large groups and were very efficient.

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6. Merchant Vessels Many vessels flying the Polish [] were seen in subject port.

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[] Several merchant vessels were berthed near designator B. Hundreds of junks powered by sail and oar were seen along the Huang-Pu-Chiang River.

7. Naval Vessels

a. At [] two or three destroyers of about 1800 to 2000 tons. They were painted grey.

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b. Near [] several "olive colored" landing craft were seen beached bow on. [] All up the Huang-Pu-Chiang "lots" of "olive colored" landing craft about 50' long. Most of these landing craft were loaded with soldiers.

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c. Several "small craft" were berthed near designator E.

d. Two submarines were sighted at designator F.

8. Naval Installations [] a naval base is located near Wu-sung on the west bank of the Huang-Pu-Chiang near its mouth. Several barracks-type buildings were observed and naval personnel were seen drilling on the parade ground. A "signal station" is located at designator G.

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9. New Construction [] a shipyard with many "new buildings" and "new, concrete launching ways" is located at either [] vessels under construction are "small, LCT types," [] they are side launched.

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10. Miscellaneous

a. All crew members were allowed ashore and they usually frequented the Seaman's Club, "a very nice building," located near designator J, where they purchased souvenirs, clothing, and watched movies. Prices were reasonable and there was no black market. No prostitutes were available. [] two propaganda pictorials seen on buildings throughout the city: one pictured the hanging of an American soldier while the other portrayed an American soldier standing on Formosa being booted off by a huge red boot coming from the China mainland.

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b. Vessel received bunkers during the China voyage []

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c. A "high" chimney is located at designator K.

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[REDACTED] The shipyard reported in paragraph 9 is probably the Hau-Tung Shipyard.

h. Bunkering information reported in paragraph 10, although very vague, tends to indicate a scarcity of fuel oil in subject port.

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